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Centre for Cross Border Studies Welcomes Delegation from Tajikistan

The Centre for Cross Border Studies is hosting a high-level delegation from the Republic of Tajikistan to Armagh. The visit, facilitated by the German state development agency GIZ, has **the aim of introducing cross-border policymakers and project managers from Tajikistan to the Irish model of transfrontier cooperation.**

Among the high ranking delegation are *Saidrahmon Nazriev*, Tajikistan's Deputy Minister for Economic Development and Trade, GIZ Deputy Director *Hagen Ettner*, *Isror Isrorov*, Deputy Chair of the Government of Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast, and a range of cross-border experts and policy actors. The group will travel between Armagh, the Border Region, Belfast and Dublin and will hear from a range of state and third sector practitioners of cross-border cooperation.

A strong focus on the unique lessons of the Irish border region and our experience in cross-border engagement is in evidence, with briefings being delivered by bodies such as the North-South Ministerial Council, Cooperation Ireland, the Community Transport Association, InterTrade Ireland, Pobal and Waterways Ireland.

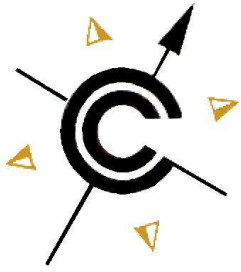
"The Centre for Cross Border Studies is very glad to have the opportunity to introduce our guests to the productive cross-border work being done on this island, and wishes them the continuation of a fruitful and enjoyable stay." **Ruth Tailion, Director, Centre for Cross Border Studies**



The North South Ministerial Council greets the Tajikistan delegation and the Centre for Cross Border Studies



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A particular focus of the visit is the lesson of the situation on the island of Ireland with regard to the development of cross-border transport corridors. This area, in which the Ireland/Northern Ireland border region serves as an exemplar, is particularly relevant for Tajikistan and its border with still unstable Afghanistan, and other neighbouring countries.

The delegation is also being welcomed at civic receptions hosted by both Newry and Mourne, and Armagh District Councils.

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Note to Editors'

- The **Centre for Cross Border Studies (CCBS)**, based in Armagh and Dublin, researches and develops cooperation across the Irish border in a wide range of practical areas, notably education, health, the economy, ICT and citizens information, and works with similar cross-border regional research bodies in other parts of Europe. For further information please visit www.crossborder.ie



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